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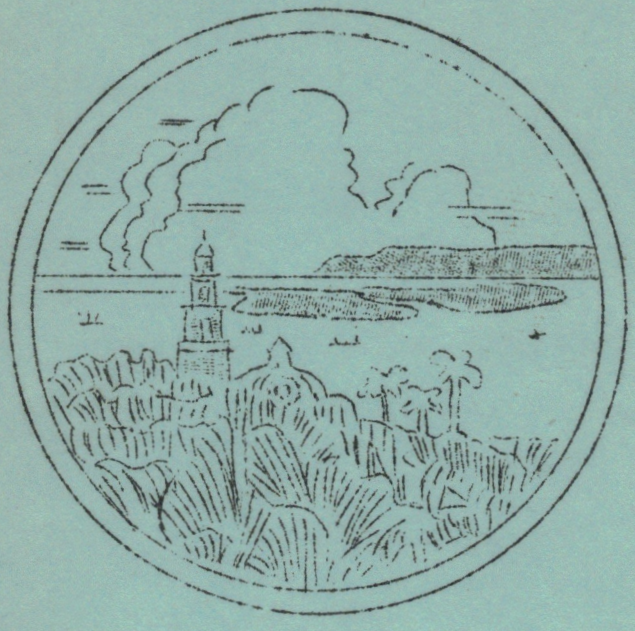

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- THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE JIVA -

Now the many doubts and questions which the Jiva (the personality, the brain-consciousness) gathers under the one great question are mainly these:--

What am I? What is Spirit, the Self, the Ego, the Subject? what are these other selves, Jivas, like and unlike myself? what is matter, the World, the Not-Self, the non-Ego, the Object? what is life? what is death? what is motion? what are space and time? what are being and non-being? what is consciousness? what is unconsciousness? what is pleasure? what is pain? what is the mind?

What are knowledge, knower, known? What is sensation? what are the senses? what are the objects sensed, the various elements of matter? what is the meaning, use, and necessity of media of sensation? what is an idea? what are perception, conception, memory, imagination, expectation, design, judgment, reason, intuition? What are dreams, wakings, and sleepings? what are abstract and concrete? What are archetype, genus, and species? what are universals, particulars, and singulars? what is truth, what is illusion and error?

What is desire? what are the subjects and objects of desire? what are attraction and repulsion, harmony and discord? What is an emotion? what are love and hate, pity and scorn, humility and fear? what is will?

What are action, acted on, and actor? what are organs? what an organism? what is the meaning of stimulus and response, action and reaction? what is the real meaning and significance of power, might, ability, force or energy? what is change, creation, transformation? what are cause and effect, accident and chance, necessity and destiny, law and breach of law, possible and impossible?

What is a thing? what are noumena and phenomena? what are essence, substance, attribute, quality, quantity, number? what are one and many, some and all, identity and difference?

What are speech and language, command and request and narration, social life and organization? what is art? what is the relation between things and Jivas?

What is good and what is evil? what are right and wrong? what is a law? what are compulsion and destiny? what is right, what is a duty? what is conscience? what is liberty? what are order and evolution and the world process? are Jivas bound and helpless, or are they free, how may they become so?

Such are the harassing questions concerning every moment and aspect of his life that follow on the heels of the searcher. Small blame to him if he despair of mastering them! Well may he give up the task again and again as hopeless, and try to climb out of their way with the help of the weakling plants that rise up here and there before him, growths of temporary belief and uncertain knowledge, belonging only to the first stage of his journey. But these branches, after giving him rest and strength, fail him at the last, and he is shaken down from them by his pursuers and compelled to press forward again.

Let him not despair. The intensity and strength of his revolt from limitations will soon break up the shell of personal self-consciousness, and transform it into the all-Self-consciousness, when the inmost mystery of the universe that is now hidden shall stand revealed; the energy of that revolt will transform his hurrying feet into wings on which he shall rise high above the labyrinth of doubts and questions.

Bhagavan Das: The Science of Peace. (pp.14-17)

- NOTES ON THE MYSTERIOUS NORTH -

by

Vincent H. Gaddis

THE CITY OF THE CLOUDS

Alaska is the puzzled possessor of a city that has definite location, but cannot be found on any map. It is a city of great size with many buildings, but no inhabitants. Most of the time it cannot even be observed. A mysterious, repeating mirage, it is a metropolis of the skies.

This phantom city of the north has been known to the Alaskan Indians for countless generations, and it has played a part in their traditions. Repetitions of its appearance in a local sky indicate its fixed position somewhere, but it has never been identified with any known city of earth. A report written back in 1897 states: "But whether this city exists in some unknown world on the other side of the North Pole or not, it is a fact that this wonderful mirage occurs from time to time yearly, and we were not the only ones who witnessed the spectacle."

Often compared to "some immense city of the past", it appears in the vicinity of the Muir Glacier and Mt. Fairweather. An early pioneer, Willoughby, collected stories concerning it from the Indians, and unsuccessfully attempted to photograph it in 1887. Two years later L.R.French, a visitor from Chicago, was successful in obtaining a good photograph, and he described it as follows: "We could plainly see houses, well-defined streets, and trees, Here and there rose tall spires over large buildings, which appeared to be ancient mosques or cathedrals. It did not look like a modern city - more like an ancient European city."

Alexander Badlam, in his book Wonders of Alaska, tells of two men near the glacier who saw a reflection of an unknown city in a pan of quicksilver. Upon discovering that their pan had turned into a crystal ball, they looked around and found the vision in the void above their heads."

The appearance is by no means vague or misty. C.W.Thornton, a witness, says that "it required no effort of the imagination to liken it to a city, but was so distinct that it required, instead, faith to believe that it was not in reality a city."

Where Alaska's ghost city is situated in reality remains an unsolved mystery.

THE ABANDONED VILLAGE

In the heart of the Lake Angikuni country, 500 miles northwest of Churchill, on Hudson Bay, a village of the dead was found in November 1930. Joe LaBelle, a roving trapper, chanced upon the deserted camp. Its tents of caribou skin were still standing. Inside the tents were cooking utensils, hides, clothing, and the most prized possession of the Eskimos -- rifles. There were no signs of a disturbance, the village was simply deserted. It had contained about 25 persons. Where had they gone?

LaBelle reached his canoe on the edge of the lake, about a hundred yards from the camp, and walked over to the village. Two half-starved dogs crawled toward him, whining dolefully. The bodies of about seven others were lying nearby. It was

evident that the village had been empty of human life for several months. There were the tents containing personal belongings, the dogs, the sky of lead, and the barren plane. The Eskimos hadn't moved to new territory or they would have taken their equipment and dogs with them. And LaBelle found it difficult to imagine an Eskimo walking more than thirty feet without his rifle.

Then the trapper noticed a strange thing on the edge of the camp. Here is the way he explained it to the mystified officers of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police: "It was an eskimo grave with the usual cairn of stones. But for some strange reason the grave had been opened. The stonds had been pulled off on one side and there was nothing under the cairn at all. I had no way of telling when it had been opened or what had been done with the body it once contained. I couldn't figure out why it had been desecrated. There were no bones around, no signs of any trouble. Everything looked peaceful, but a strange feeling came over me, and I decided to get as far away from the place as possible before night came."

After LaBelle made his report, the officers went to the scene. But despite an extensive search for months, they mystery has never been solved. The village was exactly as the trapper had described it, and the mounted police consider the case as one of the strangest mysteries in their history.

MIKKELSON NARRATIVE

The explorer Mikkelson, in his book Lost in the Arctic, refers to another northern mystery:

"During the last few days (october, 1914) we have been much tumbled up and down in our minds owing to a remarkable occurrence, somewhat in the nature of Robinson Crusoe's encounter with the footprints in the sand. Our advance load has been attacked - and empty petroleum cask is found, riddled with tiny holes should as would be made by a charge of shot. Now, a charge of shot is scarcely likely to materialize out of nowhere; one is accustomed to associate the ohenomenon with the presence of human beings. It is none of our doing - then whose doing is it? We hit upon the wildest theories to account for it, as we sit in the tent, turning the mysterious object over and over. No beast of our acquaintance could make all those little round holes; what animal could even open its jaws so wide? And why should anybody take the trouble to make a target of our gear? Are there Eskimos about - Eskimos with guns? There are no footprints to be seen; it could scarcely have been an animal - the whole thing is highly mysterious."

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(It will not pay to dismiss the City of the Clouds too hastily, as a mere mirage; it is commonly believed among occultists that etheric objects and places are often mistaken for mirages. This is also related somehow to what may be called etheric clairvoyance. This is developed quite easily in many people, by the simple process of lying flat on one's back and gazing into a clear blue sky for a half hour or hour daily; after a time "you will see cities builded in the air, and many great wonders." The effect is probably much the same as that of crystal gazing, the purpose of the experiment should be kept in mind but the attitude should be passive and receptive only. It is possible that cities, landscapes and objects seen in this way are etheric duplicates of their originals on this plane. ... The account of the abandoned village is a parallel to instances of ships from which crew and passengers seem to have vanished in an instant - food on the tables, gear of every kind untouched, boats on their davits, no clue of any kind as to what took place. It is possible that other-world visitors have a hand in such matters; maybe in such cases as the one described by Fr. Gaddis they are under-world folk. Uncouth beasties that pop in and out of our world like prehistoric nightmares may also issue from such caverns - probably more plausible to science-minded people than their materialization out fo the etheric.

M.L.)

- THE HOLLOWS OF THE EARTH -

(Although this communication, received clairaudiently by Mark Probert from the control Natalli, a 16th century astronomer, has already had some circulation and will probably be reprinted in No. V of the seance Reports, it is summarized here because of references to it by FGH in his review, and by the Editor in his comments, in this issue of RR).

"Well, you do indeed live inside of a ball, but it is not a ball or shell of dense matter but of etheric substance. Each universe creates its own ball or shell. As for space, it is unlimited. (Q.) Yes, sir, we do live on the exterior of the dense globe. (Q) No, your world is not an oblate sphere; it is shaped much like a top. This is a large subject.

"Yes, indeed, there are vast underground caverns that stretch from equatorial Africa to the North Pole, and also to Venezuela, where there is an opening. (Q) Yes, these caverns connect, and this explains the resemblance of many customs and rites of early peoples; there was underground communication. (Q) The opening in Venezuela is in the southern tip. (Q). It is north of that place (i.e., Loreto). These caverns will explain to you the mysterious disappearance of whole races from time to time (Q) Yes, such as the Mayas and pre-Mayas. I can't give you very much right now, this is a difficult mode of communication for me. This is Ramond Natalli. I'm going to experiment with this method of working (i.e., clairaudience). But I'm not sidestepping your questions.

(Q. re size of underground population)."I would say, several millions. Oh, yes, they are humans. Yes, there is some contact with them but mainly thru their secret organizations. These people as a whole are much more healthy than people of the surface. (Q) The reason they entered the caverns originally, was that they discovered that the upper atmosphere was teeming with disease germs.

(Q)"These people as a whole know little or nothing about your surface life. Such knowledge is in the hands of their higher teachers. (Q) Yes, in some parts of the underground world people possess a high degree of culture. (Q) Yes, there are openings in Mexico, and one in the region of Alberta, Canada. Many of the sudden appearances of strange-looking animals are explained by these facts. Yes, there is an opening in the region of Bering Straits. It is true that surface waters, ocean waters, enter the earth. And this inflowing current is one of the main causes of fluctuation of the magnetic fields, the magnetic poles.

(Q) "Most of the caverns lie at 10 to 20 thousand feet below the surface. It is true there are warm, even tropical areas near the Poles. They are walled in by ice and by mountains.* Yes, there is open water and the ocean stream flows into the earth. It becomes warm from the abundant heat of the interior - it is almost boiling at some points. (Q) The aurora is caused by an energy play between the core of the earth and the atmosphere, it is an electro-magnetic phenomenon. Some of the caverns were destroyed when Atlantis went under. (Q) Yes, the story is theoretically possible. Olaf Jensen could have been carried into the interior in his boat and by most careful navigating could have emerged at the South Pole. A whole fleet could enter the earth, as far as that is concerned. I'll try to tell you more, later..."

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*Note: A recent newspaper announcement is to the effect that the government is dispatching an expedition with helicopters for a study of warm areas reported by the Byrd expedition, in the antarctic.

The "story" referred to in the last four lines of Natalli's communication is summarized in Round Robin III-8, page 9 (Nov.-Dec.).

- F.G.H. REVIEWS -

THE HOLLOW EARTH:

Concerning the clairaudient transmission from Natalli: From one point it looks as if we were living on the inside of a large ball. From certain astral levels the astral is of course the reality and the solid earth seems to disappear- so it would look as if we were walking upside down somewhere near the surface of the inside of a large ball. The physical earth is a slightly oblate spheroid, as is definitely proven by horizontal distances all over the globe. *

The story of these caverns and their human populations is ages old. It has two sources. In the second major war the remnants of humanity found refuge in caves - either artificial and well-prepared or natural and ill-prepared. As that war started the ice ages and created such a cloud cover that it took about 100 years in most places before the sun came thru again, remembrance is etched indelibly in the memory of man. The other origin is that certain caves were used as secret temples and hideouts during a very dark period in the history of Atlantis. At that time black magic was the secret weapon of the I-conscious and led to the destruction of civilization; it was carried on with man-created monsters, etheric, astral, and physical. (Some of these were released and given new powers by the ato-bombs). Natali's caves are definitely not physical. Nor is there a non-physical human race on this earth. But there are Deva races which often resemble humans in form and activity. Once on a large airport we observed a crew of beings about 6 ft. tall, manlike in every way except that they were green, scaly, and had a more reptilian head form. They were looking for something in the ground, like a crew of pipe men looking for buried pipes with detectors. One followed us for about ten miles as if checking our altitude, flying alongside the car.

It can be definitely stated that no human races exist in deep caverns, and that life in such caverns would be very difficult even to a much higher civilization than ours. Besides, the temperatures would be unendurable. Rock at such depths becomes plastic and would close up any cavity in a very short time. The north polar regions have been so thoroughly covered from the air during the last ten years, by us, the British, and the Russians, that any warm regions of a mile or two in diameter would have been discovered. The whole Polar region is ocean except a few well-known and securely owned islands. The Byrd expedition discovered a warm spot on the south polar continent, but there were evidences of hot springs and volcanic ativity is responsible. I maintain that any deep cavity in a region of volcanic activity would be a very unhealthy place, due to heat, gas, and hot water. As to the aurora, it is simply a Geisler tube effect caused in rare atmosphere by electric quanta hurled out of sunspots.

This whole communication points up the peculiar conditions of the astral regions, where every rumour or strongly held thought takes on objective form. If someone writes a fantastic book which is widely read by easily impressed people, the astral will be flooded by scenes from the book, and these will convince many citizens of the astral of the concrete reality and veracity of the story. We have a similar thing here with rumours, which spread like wildfire and are implicitly believed, and are testified to as reality, by many people.

THE LOKAS ---- THE GREENLAND SETTLEMENTS:

About the LOKA page in Round Robin: It has long been evident to me that this section of coast lies in the path of frequent meteors, which are often mistaken for burning planes falling into the sea. One came over in 1940, flying low, which

brought the whole section up standing in nothing flat at about 3:00 a.m. It sounded like a plane with a 36-cylinder engine running at maximum manifold pressure at 200 feet altitude, flying considerably faster than sound. The sudden terrifying wall of roaring sound was an experience hard to forget. It is also evident that the solar system is at present travelling in a zone plentifully supplied with astral (stellar) debris. That thing seen in the Bay area was a real space ship. I have had reports of them from all parts of the world by independent observers, which cover at least a dozen during the last twelve months. The reddish object trailing fire was another meteor. Having stood many hundreds of night watches at sea under perfectly clear skies, I have seen all kinds of meteors and fire-balls. The yellow ball seen over Toronto seems to me to be a fake. These objects seldom emit enough light to register on a photographic plate, unless taken thru a large telescope. Their duration is always too short to train a camera on them. The 'Swedish cigars' evidently were Russian versions of the German V-1. The pieces obtained by the army fliers, who crashed on their way back, are typical lava rich in iron. There are millions of tons in the northwest. The army was unable to obtain definite answers to anything, except that reliable witnesses saw the same things at different times. Many of the printed reports are exaggerated hearsay and speculation.

I heard the story about the disappearance of the Norwegian settlement in Greenland, but I believe the tradition about their emigrating to a warmer land is more important than that of their emigrating north. There are Indian legends which tell of white-bearded people, blond and blue-eyed, coming up the St.Lawrence and settling among them. Many words and proper names and usages bolster the theory that there were a number of such Germanic immigrations. The Apaches also have a tradition that they are descended from men who came over a great ocean in the East. Inscriptions on rocks here and in Sweden have a marked similarity. Our coyote shows relationship to the German Shepherd, the oldest dog in existance. The Smoky Gas is a replica of one of the old fairy tales. But there are a number of reports of the saving of wrecked fishermen among the islands of the arctic by the "Three Old Men", who materialize out of nothing and lead the survivors to means of saving themselves.

The greatest authority on all these questions is indubitably the White Brotherhood, the higher members of whom have access to ALL knowledge. Agharti or Shamballah is the headquarters, museum and library of the Brotherhood, but it is sealed against physical access and has no inhabitants on the physical plane. I am trying to give you the best available information, checked as much as possible by the Brotherhood.

ROCKET SOCIETY: The conclusions reached by the R.S. have one hole: the discs are not adapted to space travel; ergo, are not of extra-terrestial origin. But their shape is the best possible for vessels which have machinery utilizing a certain form of gravity contr0l maximum surface with a minimum of material, adapting it to planing either up or down and providing an excellent cushion for landing straight down. Their form gives also the least parasitic resistance in forward flight. But it should be remembered that mediumistic reports are all from the same region, which is justly famous for its illusions.

THE STONE SHOE: I am pretty sure that the perfectly sculptured shoe found in a triassic rock formation was either the prank of some nature spirits or was lost by an extra-terrestial visitor. Last year I found a perfectly sculptured female torso in a wash in Arizona. The often humorous forms found in lacations like Bryce are evidence of the abilities of nature spirits in shaping inanimate objects.

(Fr. FGH also comments on the Twining message, the Elberfeld horses, the Bacon-Shakespeare problem, Major H.A.G., the hoop-snake, the dispersed lizard, the white-to-black chickens, and other items - which we are obliged to reserve for RR IV-2.)

COMMENT ON THE REVIEW:

Fr. FGH assures us that he is trying to give us the best available information, checked as much as possible by the Brotherhood. Round Robin readers and the Editor are grateful to him for much information not available from any other source. We would not knowingly oppose our own opinions to any definite pronouncements from such high sources. On the other hand we cannot always distinguish between these statements from authority, and opinions and data offered by our Frater in his own person. It is only the latter, however, which we intend to criticise, and like all fair-minded occultists he accepts them in a friendly and impersonal spirit.

Para. 1. Natalli of course recognizes, and says definitely, that we live on the outside of the physical globe, and that the enclosing sphere is etheric. As to the statement that the globe is proven to be an oblate spheroid, we must definitely disagree. This is a convenient hypothesis of geodesy. It has been repeatedly proven that the laws of curvature (over water) for a sphere do not hold. The experiments detailed by Koresh and repeated by Ford have never been controverted. Edna Kenyon's Book of Earths explores this whole subject, and sets out the hypotheses of many physicists who have considered the earth to be a cube, an 8-sided or a 12-sided body. Neither surface triangulation nor any of the school-boy 'proofs' of the text books can sustain criticism. Our position is, that it is "definitely proven" , at least, that the earth is not a slightly oblate spheroid. All astral communicators we have questioned describe it as 'top-shaped' or 'squash-shaped'. So far as we know, this idea has never appeared in scientifiction, and there is not the slightest reason for assuming that the astral observers were deluded by any such concept of earth minds.

Para. 2. "Natalli's caves are definitely not physical." We itemize certain points. (a) The existance of of very large caverns is well known even to our physical scientists, and it is probable and reasonable that not a tenth part of such caverns is known. (b) Natalli places his caverns fairly close to the surface, five to ten miles beneath it. There is no law for uniform increase of heat to an impossible degree for human life, at such depths. (c) Our knowledge of the interior of the globe is admitted on all sides to be very fragmentary. Conditions at a depth of (say) a thousand miles are wholly conjectural, but the notion that the bulk of the globe consists of molten rock, or rock plastic from pressure certainly has little or no standing.

Para. 3. "It can be definitely stated that no human races exist in deep caverns." If our Frater means that this is a definite statement of the Brotherhood we do not pursue the argument - nor, equally, if he states this as a result of his own occult investigations. But we cannot accept it on the basis of existing scientific knowledge, and consider it contrary to a considerable body of data.

That 'the north polar regions have been thoroughly covered' by air surveys. We recommend to our Frater an item printed on page 22 of RR for Sept.-Oct. last, in part as follows:

> "Bulletin No. I of the Arctic Institute of North America makes inventory of what is known and unknown about the American Arctic, and says 'the deficit in knowledge is almost incredible...great areas have not even been seen from the air...the mapping is almost unbelievably primitive.' As to archeology and physical anthropology, 'we feel less confidence in our knowledge than we did 20 years ago."

As to the enormous area which our Fr. thinks has been so thoroughly surveyed, consider the following extract from Hartwig's Polar World: "The treeless zone

(the barrens) of Europe, Asia, and America occupies a space larger than the whole of Europe. Even the African Sahara or the pampas of South America are inferior in extent to the siberian tundri....The forest regions are of still greater extent than the treeless plain".. (P.22)". Within the circle of the Barrens lie the polar regions proper, beyond the 80th parallel. The Rand-McNally atlas marks nearly half of this as "unexplored" - and the word "explored" means, in this work, the thin lines of the expeditions of Nansen, Phipps, Parry, Byrd, Amundsen and some others. To these "explorations" we now add - what? The airy crossings of various planes, not exploring but in transit, under all kinds of weather condtions. The word "explored" is a fraud if taken to mean more than the scantiest knowledge of these vast regions. But the Bulletin quoted, of the Arctic Institute, should be sufficient to dispose of this point.

We will not assume that our Frater imagines, as some simpleminded folk seem to do, that the alleged polar opening would appear as a large round open hole, easily visible, and descending like a well into the interior. Such an opening, if it exists, is probably between 500 and 1000 miles in diameter, the descent over its curve would be gradual, with no indication to surface craft except the peculiar behaviour of the compass and declination needle. The great mass of this surface would be covered with snow and ice, and the whole landscape often obscured by unfavorable weather. No observation from the air would reveal the curve of this supposed opening. The ocean flow said toenter it, even if miles in width, might escape observation and even deliberate search for many years. Such flow may even be beneath the surface ice, and might continue nearly parallel to the surface of the globe, with only a slight fall, for scores or hundreds of miles. No one supposes that this alleged stream falls direct to the center of the earth, and then on through to an antarctic exit. The globe is 8000 miles in diameter, and the ocean stream might circulate at any depth . Pockets of volcanic activity, regions of heat might occur anywhere - but contemporary opinion is that these areas are pockets only, localized and not uniform conditions. Finally we point out that a whole series of phenomena related by early explorers (who were not writing scientifiction) remain unaccounted for - the plants, animals, various indications of warm regions, and the incessant fall of dust, have not in any way been accounted for by these famous flights over the pole. As for Antartica, it is even less "explored" than the arctic.

We do not necessarily "accept" the story of the hollow earth and its ocean stream, but we think there is a mass of data to be reckoned with - and we certainly cannot assume, without rhyme or reason, that the opinions of highly intelligent astral communicators, on this question and concerning the shape of the earth also, are to be shrugged off as a delusion born of craze for scientifiction.

Now concerning the material obtained by the army flyers from the fallen Loka (?); we can say only that the fragments examined by chemists at the University of Chicago were not "typical lava rich in iron", which is familiar to millions of people. The chemical analysis can probably be obtained if Fr. FGH wishes to pursue the point... The actuality of the discs has been established beyond question, except for the usual count of ignoramuses - and it is almost equally certain that the authorities do not have the least idea where they come from, and probably are quite incapable of learning. Fr. FGH says the discs are "not adapted to space travel": we lack his confidence on this point but think he is probably right. "Ergo", he says, "they are not of extra-terrestial origin." Well, an etheric construction may or may not be called terrestial. We greatly object to our Frater's disposition to lump all mediumistic reports and communicators in the same category, of deluded and somewhat bewildered minds from the lower astral. It is commonly known that the astral regions are of enormous variety, and that minds of the finest intelligence can and often do communicate thru mediums; there is a very great body of data to bear this out, and we find no reason to concur with our Frater's expression on this point, that "mediumistic reports are all

from the same region, which is justly famous for its illusions." Such facil and misleading generalizations have long been heard, especially among the poorly informed files of the Theosophists (tho' not at all among their modern scholars), but never before, in our experience, from an occultist of deep and genuine learning. This writer is no initiate or adept, and certainly his errors are many, but he rejects the imputation of childlike credulity with regard to the communicators of the Mark P. seances. When he encounters there minds of learning, logic, and philosophic acumen, he supposes that they too must be aware of the dangers of delusion, as part of the conditions of their life, and so will reckon with it to their best ability --

But, in the words of Butler, there is no source of error like the pursuit of Absolute Truth.

We here do not possess it (if the phrase means anything at all) - nor do the Astrals, whether high, low, or middle - nor, in our humble opinion, do the Wise Ones of Shamballa - tho' Fr. FGH tells us they have access to "ALL truth." For the Wise and wisest ones are human, and there are Beings and modes of consciousness beyond the human, of which we can say 'they exist', but whose functioning is beyond our (and their) grasp.

We have made these various strictures on statements of our frater FGH, largely in the hope of awakening interest in the points involved. They by no means detract from our indebtedness to him, for his articles enable us to present data and issues to RR readers, of a type not offered by any other American publication.

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- Curious Phenomena of the Arctic Regions -

The following data are selected passim from The Phantom of the Poles, by William Reed (Walter S. Rockey Co.,N.Y.,1906). It should go without saying, that the RR does not necessarily accept the thesis of this writer. But wherever the data consist of verbatin quotations from famous explorers, who spent many years in the arctic, and who are reporting observed facts only, without theorizing about them, then these data are deserving of close attention. Recent arctic and antarctic exploration has of course produced a whole library of technical data; yet we must remember that incredible secrets often lie beneath or at the very heart of such accumulations ... We do not support the thesis of the hollow earth, but hold that it needs definition and study, and remind you that at least one of the largest existing occult organizations actually teaches such a doctrine in its more advanced and secret instructions... The all-important facts of radiaesthesia, clairvoyance, telepathy, and of 'spirit' survival and communication were overlaid and smothered by the whole body of our modern scientism and 'culture' for a hundred years./We live in a world-full of knowledge built upon a colossal ignorance, and every scientist worthy of the name admits it freely... It is necessary, tho' tiresome, to repeat such things, because there are always the bland and simple-minded folk who tell us, 'just look at all the scientists who have studied' (this 'n that); if there was any truth in your lunatic ideas they would have discovered it long ago.' But until research is focussed upon a specific problem, centuries may pass without its clarification.

If obscurantists one and all were unable to read, thought that a syllogism was some kind of disease, the problems of learning and telling would be much simpler.

But, exempli gratia, a lawyer of some distinction recently assured this writer, that if there were 'anything to' palmistry, the Supreme Court would have recognized the fact long ago, a professor of astronomy assured him that the strange sky-craft called Corrida (Kareeta) did not waggle its wing-tips, because no such device was known or practicable, a great number of people are quite certain that 'history is bunk' because Henry Ford once said so (tho' he was largely right, at that), a physicist with more degrees than a thermometer thinks vitality globules are muscae volitantes and won't even try to see them, and - to pass from this world to the next, a most learned fevenant scientist declares there will be no war with nuclear energies, because everybody is too frightened at the prospect of certain death. Minds of this type apparently burgeon in all spheres, make the going hard for semi-rational folk... We shall now have to abandon this topic, but there's a book called A Short Introduction to the History of Human Stupidity (5000pp) which along with the Book of the Damned should be third shelf from the bottom in every book case - just ahead of Dr. Elliot's five-foot collection.

DUST IN THE ARCTIC:

"In the sky it looks like great clouds, and falls on ships in such abundance that it becomes a source of irritation" (Reed). "The years are passing here, and what do they bring? Nothing but dust, dust, dust, which the first wind drives away ... Let us go home, for what have we to remain here for? Nothing but dust, dust, dust" (Nansen). Reed derides the theory that this dust comes from a comet, and makes substantial points against it. It contains carbon and iron, there is no known volcanic origin for it. It is said to abound throughout the polar regions, both north and south. Reed believes that it comes from volcanic action in the interior of the (hollow) earth.

Open Water: The Greely expedition reached 83 deg. 24' N., and Greely speaks of open water the year round. The Kane expedition, at 78 deg. 45' N. reported open sea, gulls, and petrel. "I cannot imagine what becomes of the ice...it either goes to an open place in the north or dissolves...tides and winds from the north do not bring ice." (Kane). "Nansen spent two years drifting in the arctice ocean, proof enough that during that time it was not closed up by ice." (Nansen reached 86 deg.14 ' N.). "For 15 days Nansen supposed he was sailing directly north at about 9 knots an hour. If he had made only 5 knots he would have covered nearly 2,000 miles, and yet he then found himself in lat. 79 deg. Allowing for for surrents, bergs, floes and the like, he should still have been hundreds of miles past the pole. This is strong evidence that there is no way of reaching the spot where the pole is supposed to be." (Reed).

(The following are credited with reaching lat. 90 (the Pole): Peary, Byrd (by plane), Amundsen,(by dirigible), Nobile (by dirigible), Golovin (by plane), Schmidt (by plane). Amundsen and Scot reached the S.Pole, as did Byrd (by plane). Peary reached 83-27 N.and reported that the surface was water only, covered with ice much of the time. Scott reported that the elevation of the South Pole was 9070 ft.

(The farthestst north ever reached by boat is 86 deg. 39', which is 250 miles from the Pole

(The Byrd expedition discovered and charted nearly 1000 miles of unknown coastline, in the Antarctic, by ship and plane. This was the border of what seemed to be a vast plateau of some 3000' elevation.

(This very sketchy data givessome notion of the limitations of even the most advanced arctic and antarctic exploration. The "exploration" of the "Poles" themselves consists chiefly in air flight over the region which should be latitude 90 IF the earth is an "oblate spheroid"

It is apparent, writes Reed, "that Nansen went a long way into the interior of the earth" without knowing where he was. His own journal is sufficient evidence that "he and his men knew nothing about where they were". At about 75 deg. N. he was in open water, out of sight of land. He was puzzled by "warmer water" and thought it came from the Lena - a Siberian river on the opposite side of the Pole, and certainly far from being a warm water stream. The water in September was at 35 deg. F. .. mild weather, flocks of ducks. In two weeks of sailing through open water, toward the north as he supposed, yet without gaining latitude, where was Nansen going? There was a strong current toward the south, which greatly puzzled him. He was also passing out of salt water and into fresh. North of lat. 81, in mid-December "only 21½ deg.F. of frost." Greely found vegetation, flowers, birds, musk oxen, wolves, foxes, hares, lemmings, at his farthest north. All the explorers named, and others also, have mentioned these facts. There is also the matter of frequent dense fogs, implying currents of warm air from some source. The driftwood is another puzzle, often coniferous woods, some birch bark; the supposed sources are hundreds of miles away, across supposedly frozen seas. There are great areas of colored snows, red, green, yellow, and black. The black snow contains carbon and iron, the others vegetable matter, probably pollens. Somewhere there must be millions of acres of flowering plants to supply this; it is not an organism which grows and reproduces in the snow itself. That this substance is picked up far to the south, borne for thousands of miles across the great barrens and belts of forest beyond, and deposited by winds in the arctic, seems fantastic. These colors of the snow, or of the pollens, are seasonal, but no one has identified the plants or regions from which they come.... Nansen found the behaviour of the magnetic needle inexplicable; the subject has since been elaborately studied, but whether it is better understood is open to question... It should be remembered that air flights over the Polar regions convey almost no information, compared to that gathered by an expedition which spends years in detailed studies with the most modern equipment.

Reed's book from which we have quoted is an old one (1906), and also leaves much to be desired in its presentation of data. But in justice to him, and to other followers of the "hollow earth" idea, and to the trance control Natalli who explicitly affirms it as scientific truth, let us recognize that there is as yet NO disproof, and that a whole mass of phenomena, of which we have instanced only a few, are still unexplained... The whole experience of Nansen should be carefully studied. It is entirely possible that his ship passed over the great curve of the Polar opening, and thereafter began to sail south on a current which was entering the earth's interior. The unexplained phenomena he records would for the most part be explainable under this 'fantastic' hypothesis of the 'hollow' earth. We wish to register the most violent objection, to the smug assumption that modern research and 'exploration' has dealt with this hypothesis at all, much less disposed of it - to the notion that air flight over a Polar area of continental size has revealed anything, except ice, snow, fog, wind and weather conditions, and magnetic observations. Scientific expeditions are composed of specialists, they have hundreds of specific subjects of study, and all this work is planned out beforehand, since equipment must be supplied. The notion of the polar openings and the interior circulation of the ocean waters is not even known, by our guess, to more than one physicist or geodesist in a thousand, and only a man of rare courage would take any public interest in it - a true Crookes or Zollner of his kind. ...

As to the shape of our globe - a subject on which every schoolboy is supposed to be thoroughly informed (by moronic textbooks), this writer prefers the fine conclusion of the author of the Book of Earths:

"What is the shape of the earth? It is a geode. What is a geode? A geode is an earth-shaped body."

This sardonic circulus is truly and actually and distressingly and typically the high water mark of 20th century Geodesy.

- AN EXPERIMENT IN TIME -

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In October of this year our town of Ruidoso (N.M.) was visited bv Dr.Thomas Garrett, well-known as a psychic investigator and hypno-analyst, and Pierre de Caillaux, orchestral conductor and student of psychic matters. Mr. Caillaux gave a very interesting informal talk on his researches in Vienna and London, and in Italy. Dr. Garrett was then introduced to a young local merchant who has had involuntary experiences in astral projection and is a fine hypnotic subject, and two evenings were spent in experiments.

On the first evening the subject was gradually projected back through his birthdays, beginning at the sixth. On this first birthday he was asked what he got as presents. It was startling to see this young man lying asleep and saying "I got a rattle - a sweater - but the cake fell."

On the second evening the subject was told that the date was June 18, 1948 (next year), and was asked to look around Ruidoso and report on conditions. He replied that there were many people on the streets, that business was 25% better than in '47, and that gambling was going on. (It is now closed after operating many years). He said that the present governor would be defeated, and also the state-wide gambling bill. He was then directed to go to a certain spot in Las Vegas and get what information he could from gamblers there. He reported that they now had $600,000 for the defeat of anti-gambling bills in New Mexico and had only used $120,000 on a former occasion. (Rumours of this sort have been current here, tho' that particular sum has not been mentioned. The questions about gambling arose from the fact that the host and hostess of the evening are in business here, and hence affected by the gambling question).

The hypnotized subject was then told to visit his family in Ogden, Utah. It was late and he reported them all asleep - said that his sister Betty was home for the week-end, and that his father was in Elko, Nevada. Told to go there, he reported finding his father in a hotel in Elko, and said he was "Preparing work for a four-line railroad track to the Pacific Coast to transport troops. Next he reported being at Elephant Butte dam in New Mexico and said the water was low. Then suddenly he reported seeing an accident. Asked where, he said "15 miles south of Albuquerque at Union City - a motor cycle accident - strange that the boy has the same name as mine, R. Spencer - he is a Corporal Spencer from Kirkland Field in Tennessee, in the aircorps, originally from Missouri - no help coming - Oh, here comes the State Police car. He described feeling of the body and said the man was dead. When told to talk to him he said "He says there is noting I can do for him now."

At this point a member of the group asked "What is the date?" The subjecr replied, "October 18". The question should have been, "On what date did this accident occur?" A check was made and no such accident occurred on Oct. 18, 1947; but as the subject was projected into 1948, the question remains as to whether the accident will occur next June 18. I am hoping that Mr. Jack Tate, or Mr. and Mrs.Bobbitt will try and check to see if a Corporal R. Spencer is now at Kirkland Field. If not found there now a check should be made again around the last of May 1948.

Dr. Garrett has now returned to New York, but hopes soon to locate in Tucson and establish a psychic research center there.

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Will this forseen accident take place? If the prospective victim is found and warned, will the accident be prevented? Will someone in Tennessee take this matter in hand? Is a forseen event certain to happen? The seance communicators tell us in effect: If it is written in the Akasic Records it is sure to happen, BUT these records may be read imperfectly and many errors arise. Please help us check this case.

HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW?

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1) The great question which always remains when discussing psychic phenomena is: what is the true explanation of the observable facts? To assume, for example, that because a startling resemblance is produced of some one who has passed - an image photographed with the voice recorded - this is or must be the person so represented, is still an assumption. Does this series of events actually prove that the image and voice constitute the identity? It is like seeing a mirage and concluding that it is what it only seems to be. Any one of several explanations may appear plausible, but it remains a hypothesis and should be recognized as such. We may believe what we wish, but that does not solve the problem. We cannot state what the underlying forces are or how they operate. Other equally valid (or invalid) hypotheses may be offered.

2) For instance, we know that thought images can be imprinted on photographic plates (Fukurai), and that brain activity sends forth impulses of an electrical nature which affect a phosphorescent screen (Naum Kotik: Die Emanation der Psycho-physischen Energie). Again, if we accept the existence of other intelligences, some more but others less evolved than the human, is it not reasonable to assume that these in turn can readily affect the finer grades of matter in a variety of ways. Others believe in the astral light or Akasic Record. But reproduction of any part of any record may be very misleading. Natives who have never heard a phonograph or radio or seen a technicolor picture, often believe that the voices are those of persons actually present, and that the images are strange but real persons. These are reproductions of persons once appearing in the portrayed forms, but the individual itself is not so captured. Others believe in an eternal Now, where present, past, and future are one, making any form-expression arbitrary and unreal. Acceptance of possible other dimensions also alters the picture and in turn involves different theories.

3) The best we can do is to accept such theories as appeal to us by their seeming logic, and are urged upon us by our intuitions, fondly hoping that we may be guided aright. This is our way in the natural course of our evolutionary development (if we accept the evolutionary theory!). Nothing then remains but the Quest itself - and this is an individual matter. The safest guide is man's search for universal principles. Not the widest acceptance gives strength to a theory, nor even one's so-called inner conviction, but the universality of the underlying principle.

4) To students of the Ancient Wisdom the following quotations may have special appeal and significance: they are given in an article by J. Haskel Kritzer, M.D.in the liberal and progressive Journal of the National Medical Society (Sept. '47).The first quotation is from Isis Unveiled:

> That phenomena are actually witnessed, mysterious in nature, generally and perhaps wrongly called spiritual, it is now idle to deny. Many years of (experience)... give us the right to take a practical view. We have recognized materialized figures as the visible representatives of acquaintances,friends, and even relatives. We have heard them ... pronounce words in languages unfamiliar not only to the medium and to everyone else in the room except ourselves ... Nevertheless, these figures were NOT the forms of the persons they appeared to be. They were simply their portrait statues, constructed, animated and operated by the elementaries."

And here lies exactly the crux of the whole matter. The phenomena are observed; the explanation ...?

Beginning October '87 the Religio-Philosophical Journal published a series of interviews with a medium in Chicago. The control was called Jim Nolan; the medium a Mrs. Hollis Billing. Questioned about the process of spirit materialization, this was in substance what was said: (reprint Path, '91):

> The electrical particles in a dark room are in a quiet condition. They are collected by us and laid one upon another until we have made an electrical form (still unseen). We then take magnetism from the medium or from the sitters and with it coat this electrical form. (Cp. Letters from Julia and the investigations of von Schrenck Notzing and Dr. Gustave Geley as to processes involved. CvU.)

Later, William Q. Judge, in an article in the Fort Wayne Sentinel wrote:

> " Materialization of a form out of the air independent of the medium's physical body is a fact. But it is not a spirit ... one way to produce this is by the accretion of electric and magnetic particles into one mass, upon which matter is aggregated an image out of the astral sphere. " He gives another explanation as follows: "The second method is by the use of the astral body of the medium ... it has the power of extension and extrusion, forms the framework of what are called materialized spirits, makes objects move without physical contact, gives reports from deceased relatives, none of them anything more than recollections and pictures from the astral light. "

Dr. Kritzer regrets the wide-spread experimentation in psychism which involves the related so-called healing practise of hypnotism sanctioned by our institutions of higher learning, because, as he states, "these practises, however well intentioned, never promote energization of will power, assumption of responsibility or self-reliance. As a rule the contrary effects are the result."

On the other hand I feel we cannot investigate the powers innate in man without careful and proper experiment. Why could not institutions of higher learning offer some of the better training grounds? Nature's forces to man can be harmful or beneficial, but in themselves they are neither. All depends upon their effective control, which cannot be gained without expanded knowledge of all phenomena. But if man's ethical status lags behind his experimentation in any one field, his discoveries may well lead to his own undoing.

No man can go untrodden paths without a compass and proper preparation; who tries to do so is a fool. The qualities demanded of a pioneer are many and severe - too many and too severe for the average human. Hence the warnings!

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(What Dr. van Uchelen appears to be doing, in the first part of his article, is to raise the old question of what constitutes 'proof' of both fact and theory in the field of psychism. He continues, very properly, to remind us of the large personal element in accepting or rejecting 'proof' in such matters.

To say that a 'proof' can be accepted or rejected, is in itself sufficient to show that it is not a true proof, conclusive and compelling. Proof in mathematics, and in experimental physics and chemistry is of one sort. The laws of the mind compel us to accept the value of the square on the hypothenuse, and the products of a chemical reation may be seen or otherwise detected. Proof in logic ideally resembles that of mathematics. But proof in a court of law, legalistic proof is defined otherwise; it consists of probability beyond reasonable doubt.

This of course opens the door to a great number of questions, for reply to which our legal-minded fellows have established certain norms, to which evidence must conform. When is probability beyond reasonable doubt established? What is a reasonable doubt? When are witnesses competent? What constitutes evidence? We repeat these familiar points, because 'proof' in psychic studies, as applied to the cause of phenomena, is of a legalistic sort. It is generally admitted that the "personal equation" is a powerful facotr: we accept as 'proof' the explanation to which we

are most inclined, by temperament, by desire, by training, by knowledge, by our whole outlook and predisposition. We escape from these factors in proportion to our mental powers, our sincerity and desire for truth. The principle is recognized as extending into the physical sciences - "all observational error due to the intrusion of idiosyncrasies of individual observers".

No reasonable exception can be taken to the principle which Dr. van Uchelen has expounded. We point out, however, that there a several theories of the origin of the solar system, of the nature of gravity, of light, of cosmic rays, of electricity, of atomic structure, of the nature of matter, of sound and heat and various types of radiation - in short, all the basic concepts of the physical sciences are indispute and in mutation. Ardent defenders of any one of these views are subject in their degrees to the effect of the personal equation - knowledge and ignorance, training, prejudice, conscious or subconscious motivation. Surely Dr.van Uchelen does not mean to make a special and exceptional case out of the difficulty of finding 'proof' for theories of causes in psychic phenomena.

When or if a person's outlook is thoroughly conditioned by authority - let us say, of Blavatsky, or Judge, or any other teacher from Abelard to Zwingli, he is likely to accept their pronouncements on psychic phenomena or anything else. The edge of this principle cuts both ways.

Presumably everyone admits that final knowledge, complete comprehension of anything, from an atom to a God, is not within the range of incarnate human con - sciousness. "In science there is no finality; there should therefore be no dogma - tism." Since finality is impossible, since "facts which cannot be questioned are almost mythical" (as Malisoff wrote), there will always be divergence of thought and varying degrees of knowledge. But no one in his senses will argue from that, that man should cease to inquire, to learn, and should abandon all science and philosophy in despair.

Does Dr.van Uchelen mean to imply that Blavatsky and Judge were free from the personal equation, that their knowledge was whole and perfect and final? Or that people who believe they were so, are themselves unconditioned by desire and ignorance and prejudice? Or that all students, observers, seers, occultists and mystics who reject the finality of Blavatsky's 'explanation' are prejudiced or ignorant, while HPB and WQJ remain whole and perfect? No one knows exactly what phenomena these two witnessed - but anyone who accepts as final and inclusive explanations the notion that 'all materializations are portrait statues animated and operated by the elementaries', and that 'no materialization is anything more than recollections and pictures from the astral light' is mentally hopeless so far as progress in psychic knowledge is concerned. Blavatsky and Judge did not say ALL and NO (as we have underscored) but it is quite certain that they meant to erect these statements into final and consclusive principles, and they have been so taken, and are stil so regarded. Contemporary psychic studies admit the occasional truth of what they said, and completely reject them in any other sense.

The process by which ectoplasmic forms are said to be built up has been described in detail many times by seance communicators (Findlay's Edge of the Etheric, for example, gives a long account). Are we to understand Dr. van Uchelen to argue, t that because this physical (electric and magnetic) process exists, and is known, therefore the spiritualistic explanation is somehow invalidated? We do not wish to do him injustice, but we cannot read him otherwise - and cannot make head nor tail of such a reasoning process.

And our notion is, that to reject healing by hypnosis because it does not "promote energization of will power" is throwing out the baby with the bath water. Since Dr. Kritzer said it, we merely reply, twaddle'

Dr. van Uchelen ends his article with a most commendatory plea for great care and preparation in psychical experiments. He intended his article to be stimulative and (no doubt) mildly controversial, and we have made comment in this same spirit. Perhaps we will reap more objections to our own point of view, than we have here ventured to raise against his).

- "THE REACH OF THE MIND"-

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Meade Layne

Professor J.B. Rhine of Duke University sub-titles the third book in his series on extended sensory perception (ESP) as "Extra-Sensory Perception after Sixty Years, which implies that this subject has been investigated many times before he began his studies. This of course is well known - Democritus, in fact, had his own theories about it. And many names have been given to the elusive force involved: telepathy, mesmerism, Od or odic force, X-force by Sir William Crookes, Richet, Molle and numerous others. The manifestations of this energy or force have been called spiritism, spiritualism, clairvoyance, clairaudience, hypnosis, psychokinesis, precognition, psychometry, telepathy, telekinesis, materialization, ESP, and by other terms. There is a basic life-force lying back of all these forms of activity. In spite of recognition by some great and daring scientists during the past hundred years these varied manifestations did not secure the interest and approval of the majority of scientific workers, and nothing better is to be expected of contemporary scientists, psychologists and psychiatrists as a class.

It was in 1930 that Professor Rhine began his celebrated investigations. It seems to this writer that the mistake he made in the beginning was that he did not use the real material at hand. He experimented with a number of volunteer workers, apparently selected more or less at random, in an attempt to see what would happen. Of course, many things did happen, so that since that date an immense amount of statistical material has been assembled. The participants at times, under favorable though indefinable conditions, are able to read cards and affect the fall of dice. But the performance cannot be repeated at will. Repetitions of experiments under what seem to be the same conditions do not give the same results. It is certain that the hits often exceed the mathematical laws of expectation, but at that point the operation is stalemated. It is shown that some unknown force is operative, but it is fugitive, elusive, inconstant, almost nothing can be said about its nature, and no predictions can be made as to when this force will act and when it will not.

If all that Dr. Rhine and his associates wish to do, is to establish that an X-force is sometimes in operation, with some people - just that and nothing more - then the objective ahs been attained. But of course that is not all. No scientist can rest content with such findings, which are simply a first toddling step on this path of research - important tho that step undoubtedly is. And as for the common man, who likes to think of himself as being 'practical-minded', he is likely to say; 'Well, everybody knows that all kinds of strange things happen, like telepathy and clairvoyance; there are millions of cases, from the earlies records of history. What we want to know is something about the laws and conditions of this force, and also what use is it. Can it be used in daily life? Or does it prove that we go on living after death - or give us hints for training our children ...'

Now, there exist persons who present the phenomena of telepathy, clairvoyance,, and other forms of supernormal cognition consistently and with almost 100% accuracy in verifiable results. One reflects on this fact with astonishment, after viewing the enormous labor and vast accumulations of data from the work of investigators. These gentelmen will labor for years to prove that 'subjects' A, C, E, and G sometimes have telepathic or clairvoyant powers, manifested uncertainly and intermittently - and all this time there are other, easily available and well-known persons, who are daily displaying these strange powers. Why are these persons and these demonstrations completely ignored? Under what kind of hypnosis are the studies at Duke and elsewhere being carried out? If we were to make such astonished inquiries of, say, the distinguished ESP investigator Professor X, and if he were to reply with complete honesty and for our ears alone, we think he might say something like

this:

"These people who, according to you, practise clairvoyance, and/or telapathy with nearly 100% accuracy, and who constantly repeat their performances, are, to speak bluntly, not in good standing. I mean, of course, with the scientific world. They are spiritualists or spiritists, and mediums or psychics or sensitives, and their followers are of the same general class. To deal with them would get us hopelessly involved, probably with spiritism or religionism, and the scientific world would ostracise us. The spirit of science demands that our work be impersonal and detached, as above suspicion as Caesar's wife. We are not 'psychic investigators' who deal with mediums and spirits; we are physicists and psychologists, we collect data and evaluate them..."

-- (But do you really mean, Professor X, that the spirit of modern science, and your standards of scientific work, compel you to ignore the most valuable, relevant and accessible data? I would have supposed that the mere hint and rumour that such data exist would inspire you with eagerness and zeal.

(Do you doubt that many people possess these extraordinary powers, far exceeding anything yet revealed by your mountains of statistics? We cannot suppose such ignorance on your part. It is well-known that you are au courant with the whole field of supernormal happenings.

(Whom or what are you really trying to serve by your meticulous labors, Professor X? Do you really believe that three-fourths or four-fifths of the 'scientific world' take no stock in ESP phenomena? It is my belief that four-fifths of the very best scientific minds throughout the world take a great deal of stock in them - and many fo them go much further. Do you really believe that the only work worth doing is the conversion of 'scientific' die-hards' - and would it not be better to allow them to 'wither on the vine'?.....)

Our readers will observe that we ask nothing of Professor X and his colleagues, except that they recognize and use a great mass of data existing under their very noses. They reply: "This is not data; this is a mass of hocus-pocus, delusion, and superstition." 'But, Professors Y and Z, how do you know that it is thus and so?' "Because, in part, science does not approve of s uch stuff."... All this , of course, is sheer obscurantism without rhyme or reason. Now, contemporary ESP investigators have tried to drive a wedge into this ignorance and intolerance, have awakened much curiosity and controversy, and so far done a very good deed.

But the enormous importance of 'psychical' phenomena generally does not depend in any degree on whether some scientific body 'accepts' them. To spend years in the effort to bring enlightenment to the unwilling, is a waste of time. To ignore masses of data, for <u>any</u> reason, from <u>any</u> source, is of course utterly unscientific.

Returning to Professor Rhine, in his latest book he describes the operations of two gentlemen of ebony hue from the confines of Africa, who clearly possessed ESP powers in no small degree. If the Professor would make a shorter and easier excursion, to (say) any of the large spiritualist gatherings held yearly in the United States, he would see daily and consistent exhibitions of supernormal knowing, which could be tested and verified at any length desired.

If the local and contemporary scene is of no use at all for ESP demonstrations, we inquire wearily: What about Kluski of Warsaw, Mlle. Eve of Schrench-von-Notzing, Rudi Schneider from Austria, Miribelli from Brazil, Dr. Hamilton from Canada..... what about hundreds of other instances easily compiled from encyclopedias of psychic science? Do hundreds of thousands of pages of records, investigations, reports mean nothing at all - that an investigator of Dr. Rhine's ability and prominence must spend years in threshing the old straw? He cannot possibly be operating on the nonsensical hypothesis that telepathy, clairvoyance, and PK effects are somehow isolated, boxed off by themselves, have no connection with the whole field of psychism. A chemist who thought that the combination of sodium and chlorine into salt was an isolated event, to be studied by itself apart from the whole theory of chemistry, would be known for a half-wit. Dr. Rhine cannot help knowing that the

telekinetic phenomena to be witnessed any night in the week in a thousnad seance rooms, is not separable from his PK effects, and far exceed them in their abundance and interest. He knows that telepathy and clairvoyance are commonplaces of spiritistic circles, and not different, save by frequency and clarity, from the laborious products of years of 'controlled' experiments. But all this mass of material is ruled out a priori, ignored because of some curious ideal of what constitutes a 'scientific method' - a 'method' for obscurantism if ever there was one.

The 'subjects' who have given their volunteer services in the Duke University experiments, simply do not possess the requisite gift or power to produce consistent and repetitive results. There are many persons who can and do produce such results, but they are ruled out of these 'investigations'. We will not try to allocate the responsibility for this - which is certainly divided - but actually, to the eye of the future, and to enlightened minds of the present, this whole vast fumbling and shuffling of the PK and ESP 'investigations' is a pitiable farce. Respect for the courage and scholarship of Professor Rhine and his collaborators has imposed an almost complete silence. Spiritists, students of psychic matters, occultists of all shades of opinion and attainment have watched and waited while the mountain labored, hoping it would bring forth more than a mouse. The present writers have spent many hours in the dust bins of the Duke Reports, with hardly even a mouse track to reward them. We emerge to say flatly, that in our opinion the Rhine investigations are hopelessly fogged in theory, throttled by pseudo-scientific inhibitions, practically barren of results worth writing down, and a waste of time, money and scientific abilities. The root of this farcial outcome is simply the familiar spectacle of 'science' trying to gag itself and talk in loud authoritative tones at the same time. It comes from the determination NOT to recognize and use a mass of relevant data which have been 'proven' a thousand times in experimental psychism and in spiritistic seances.

So far as we know, every university endowment or foundation for psychical investigations, in American universities, has been wasted - that is, the funds have been diverted into ordinary psychological studies and have produced not a single result of importance. The facts involved are a notorious scandal among informed students of such matters.

How does it happen that the Tom, Dick, and Harry volunteers for ESP investigations do NOT show distingusihed and consistent powers? Contemporary psychology has no answer at all for this question. But the communicators at the Mark P. seances ('scuse us, please) at least triedto say something about it. In order to be a channel for 'psychic' forces, or for communication, a specially developped sympathetic nervous system is necessary. Where this exists, we get a near-100% performance in telepathy, clairvoyance and so on. But in all other cases the power manifests as if by reflection from the individual mind, it is sporadic, uncertain, without control, non-repetitive. From this latter situation derive whole mountains of statistics, reports, graphs, studies of all kinds - and hopeless inconsistencies. Let the investigators work with the data they now ignore, and they will have something worth while to fill their pages.

When the medium in the seances referred to passes into trance, we have extended cognition without limit. The entity who speaks (interpret him how you will) goes anywhere in the world in a few moments of time. Whether you call the Control a spirit, or the High Self or sub- or unconscious mind of Mark P.,this is a channeling of psychic force, complete, powerful, consistent, repetitive. So far as we can tell, the physical brain of the medium is ruled out by his trance, but the channels of the sympathetic nervous system are open. The subjects in the ESP experiments are in normal consciousness; what we get therefore is a kind of reflection of what goes on in the brain of the percipient. The result of this sporadic and fragmentary functioning gives us bales of statistics and a few 'proofs' which are really a piling up of lucky guesses - a kind of adulterated luck which confuses as much as it reveals.

"Materialization is not matter". Under this heading, 'psychic reporter' Ed. Bodin describes a seance in New York City, last August. "As the various spirits materialized I could plainly see the flimsy ectoplastic covering they wore". And when two "solidly materialized" forms stood close to an electric fan "the folds of their ectoplastic garments were in no way affected by the strong breeze of the fan. However, a silk scarf held at the same position blew almost straight out. Thus the covering seen in a materialization is not matter, but radiation which resembles matter. That is the conclusion of your humble reporter."

(Our own conclusion is, that the garments in this case were probably an etherialization, which is a material phenomenon but of a highly refined order; they offered practically no resistance to the air current and the 'psychic' force held them in place. But in many instances the garments of materialized forms have been touched and handled, and are quite clearly material in the sense of dense matter. The generalization in the next to last sentence by Mr. Bodin is certainly not justified).

"Shoal area doubtful" Daily News, Los Angeles, Nov. 24. "Navy men today debated whether a mysterious undersea shoal or mountain actually exists 400 miles off the California coast." Crews of several ships reported "a large mass" under water off the Golden Gate; Navy survey ship Maury went out for to see and saw nothing. However, the Maury did "pick up an echo from a mass about 1600 yards to one side. We changed course and started toward it slowly. When we were about 400 yards from the object it disappeared." Yet one of the first reports said "a large indefinable mass was sighted and its position determined," and another reported its fathometer showed "something" 48 feet under water.

(Clip from C.B.Loomis)

(The Procession of the Damned - the excluded data, battalions of the accurst - harlots and freaks and clowns - you'll read them, or they'll march - livid and fiery or rotten or ultra-respectable, they'll march. So wrote Charles Fort).

Philological foot-note - "Concerning disease as possession, you may be interested in a philological footnote. Sanskrit AMIVA, (disease) also means tormenting spirit, though with a distinction of gender. Similarly, another word for disease, YAKSMA, derives from vyaks - meaning to pursue or avenge."

(H.K.Gresseth)

The Fire Trail "After reading the RR article on metapsychical knowledge among the Navajo" RR friend Juanita G. Shaw feels impelled to call attention to a story in Fantastic Adventures magazine, current issue, which is said to be a factual account of an astral projection experiment performed in connection with Indian magic - and in the same issue, to the article "Plight of the Navajo". "I am doing as much as I can to help and if more people knew of their plight perhaps something could be done ... I think RR is doing a wonderful work - the ignorance in the world today is pathetic." (The cause is a worthy one, and Fire Trail is worth reading).

How much can you steal? "By the absolute sum for grave theft is meant that amount of money the stealing of which constitutes a mortal sin, irrespective of the financial status of the individual or corporation from whom it is taken. Naturally this sum varies with the fluctuation of the value of money...it might be different in different sections... but as a general norm it would seem that the absolute sum for grave theft would be about $40.00".

Francis J.Connell, C.SS.R.

(Sample of instruction to priests; from pp. 68-69 of Jan. 1945 issue of The American Ecclesiastical Review, official magazine for priests, published at Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Photostat in "Secret of Catholic Power', L.H.Lehmann, editor of Converted Catholic Magazine, M.A.,S.T.L., D.D. etc. We recommend C.C.M.,756-7th Ave.,N.Y.19. Copy 15¢)

Seance Report- Mendocino Co. again.

"On Sunday Nov. 23 Mr Edward John spoke and showed his pictures at a Church in Oakland. Our party attended this meeting, and on Monday evening we held a seance. While the medium was in full trance the following conversation took place:

Q. Were you with us last night? (Ans. by Guide): Oh, yes, I was aroundthere. We were all right close to him.

Q. How do you like him? Is he a medium? (Ans.): I like him fine, he is a good man. Oh, yes, he is a medium.

Q. How about those people up there? Can you tell us anything about them?

A. There is a big man here now. He says "Most of the people up there don't know they are dead, they don't progress, are in a low vibration, and think they own all they can see. A long time ago there was a city there; there was a great earthquake and it sunk, then a volcano covered it up.

This all adds up very well, as Clear Lake near by has been declared to be the crater of an ancient volcano. This must have been a very long time ago, as the lava has since all disintegrated into soil except in a few spots.

The guide also stated that there are great caverns there."

(Submitted by Walter Gordon, Editor, Western Spiritualist)

(Once again, for benefit of new readers - we print seance reports 'for what they may be worth', and for purposes of comparison on particular points. The Editor has a good degree of confidence in the communicators of the Mark P. seances, because of long contact with them and his intimate acquaintance with the medium. He does not have this knowledge concerning other seances and usually can have no opinion about them, except to take care that they are reported by trustworthy persons).

- and incidentally

"Well", says Lingford (Trance control) "I read Round Robin myself, sometimes . . . of course we have all of your books that are worth anything, and a great many of our own also. . ." First remark may be candystick only, but opens up possibilities. We look forward, grimacingly, to the time when the Weekly Blatter will advertise: Buy the Blatter - biggest circulation on the Astral - ten million readers on sub-plane A-74 alone! This idea should appeal to the U.S. Rocket Society, whose members are all set for commercial plundering of the whole solar system, machinery for Mars, and lingerie for Venus. (No charge - Round Robin Services).

Angels a la mode:

RR is indebted to several alert readers who have sent in clips about radar detection of "Angels" - i.e., of radar echoes from something "apparently invisible" (sic) in the sky, from a half mile to two miles up. The objects move rapidly across the radar beam, are very numerous, are random in distribution, and occur at all times and seasons. Several factors, including the altitude, suggest that these are etheric entities of some sort. Such phenomena may eventually accustom minds of earth folk to the reality of the etheric world - even make the interpretation of the Lokas (discs), as received from the trance controls, seem possible and plausible. They are said to be materializations from the etheric world; that is our own opinion up to date, and we wait in vain for some other explanation which is one-tenth as intelligent... The Fortean Society, the Rocket Society of Chicago, even scientifiction magazines have openly accepted the reality of the discs - but no interpretation; our learned astronomers and physicists have not pipped the shell at all. One remarkable exception: Fantastic Stories printed an article by "Alexander Blade" giving a most intelligent and surprising account of the whole matter.This article was really written by MILLEN COOKE, who now advises that a pseudonym was used by her instruction.The article makes no reference to RR (as was proper) but confirms the RR concept of the discs, and adds much to it.

Variorum:

Continuing for a few lines under the heading of Angels: Why balk at the idea that dense matter may be invisible? the blades of a fan whirling at high speed will not be seen even as a blur - but try to poke your arm thru them!... Are not all the basic 'realities' of science invisible - gravity, heat, radiation, magnetic fields, electricity? ... Was not the whole of 19th century science builded on the false concept of an indivisble atom. Was that a working hypothesis - or a superstition? Does not atomic physics reduce matter (by experiment) to an invisible state - and does it then cease to be matter? Is it not scientifically probable that all dense matter is a kind of accretion of extremely small units - and are these to be called matter, or energy? -- And yet there are self-styled scientists who have the effrontery to talk about certainties of science and the 'superstitions' of occultists ....

Photographs: (1) From Violet Olive Johnson, of her black cat sitting in the sun: there's a white cat right behind the black one, very plain, but not seen by any ordinary vision: also two other 'photos showing faces and other oddities not 'really there'. (2) From Mrs. Geo. Hume of San Diego. She took a photograph of a friend and also got her own double on the negative, sitting beside her friend as a transparent figure, roadway and trees visible through it. (3) From Mr. John of San Francisco: color transparencies of Nature spirits, Mnedocino Co. area. The photographs which Mr. John is accumulating, projecting on screens and lecturing about, arebuilding up a body of evidence which cannot be neglected nor controverted. Evidence, that is, of the objective reality of these beings, for those who believe genuine photographs are 'proof.'. RR Editor, tho' as yet unable to form a critical opinion on Mr.John's work, is impressed by it, is quite sure Mr. John 'has something', and feels confidence in him. We hope, later on, to compile a full report on this whole extraordinary business.

We have been urging people for years, to form the habit of examining carefully all photogrpahs for 'foreign' faces and scenes. Yes, we know that most people can find faces in wall paper and foliage and clouds and such-like places -- and also that because of this, there are jackasses who think that is the whole story of 'psychic photography --

Mirin Dajo, invulnerable mystery man who allows himself to be perforated with rapier and hollow daggers, is known to everyone by this time. Dajo is 35 years old and has had yoga training. "Explanation" by some sceptical American doctors, is that the young butcher Jan Dirk de Groot, who wields the rapier, has extraordinary anatomical knowledge and skill, manages to miss all the internal organs. Accounts from Zurich and Melbourne, if correct, negate this. "X-ray photographs showed that the internal organs were pierced. Also, "a stiletto was driven vertically through Dajo's skull, brain, palate and tongue, two bullets where shot through his abdomen, and his heart pierced with a dagger, without any apparent ill effects." (Thanks to Professor C.J.Ryan, who sends the clip from Australia, and to four other friends who send clips from U.S.papers).

Believe it or not: "If we do not accept the evidence for modern psychical happenings , we should not, apart from long tradition, accept gospel records either... A strictly scientific verdict on the matter of personal survival can only be one of not proven... some part of spiritualist claims is proper matter for the scientist: other parts are not capable of scientific verification but deserve consideration on other grounds..." This, of course, is from the Church of England report, which was submitted secretly to the House of Bishops,and suppressed by them, in 1936. The moving spirit in this suppression was Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of York and of Canterbury. The report was finally published Nov. 8, 1947, by the Editor of Psychic News (Lon.). In spite of the ecclesiastical pussyfooting, the report is a far-reachning concession to the claims of spiritualism... Professor Hyslop once predicted that orthodox Protestantism would in time emulate the familiar tactics of Catholicism, take over bodily the truths they could not suppress, and take credit for having always accepted and supported facts they could no longer deride and condemn.

- THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES -

This is really a letter to my friends and not an 'article', tho' it has been tabbed with a title. Damocles, you will recall, was a flatterer of the tyrant Dionysius, and the latter invited him to a feast, where he saw above his head a sword suspended by a horse hair. Such, Dionysius wished to show, was the fancied security of wealth and power, and indeed of every man of lesser estate as well, in the uncertain cross-cufrents of worldly fortune.

It happens that at this present hour the world is more than ever filled with apprehension. We have not only the usual insecurities of health, employment, and social conditions generally, but also the gathering fear of some very great catastrophe, whether of war with atomic weapons, or of some convulsion of Nature and the 'end of an era' of global history. There is such a general gathering and drawing to a point of predictions, and so many seeming signs in the affairs of nations, and even in natural phenomena, that nearly everyone who attends to such facts is im - pressed by them whether he will or no. And each of us, of course, has his own characteristic reaction.

But it is silly to suppose that everyone who thinks a catastrophe is close at hand is trembling with panic fears, or that those who are loftily indifferent and resigned will necessarily remain so, or that those who are frightened are all fools and weaklings. When an emergency is actually at hand and the contagion of mass-hysteria beats upon us, most of our manufactured attitudes and programs go by the board. Some of the timid folk become calm and resourceful, many of the boasters shrivel down to their true rabbit size, while the resigned and philosophic find themselves put to greater tests than they had dreamed of. The situation is not es - sentially different from that preceding the two world wards, each of which was clearly forseeable. But the American people have had no experience with the in - roads of a conqueror, nor with any catastrophe of such magnitude as is now feared. These reflections do not prove any particular point; they are simply things one thinks about.

We can feel reasonably sure, however, that if such a disaster occurs, and unless we are strangely favored by some turn of events, half to three-fourths of our population will be destroyed. Out of, say, 140 million people in the United States, some 139 million will remain in their homes and occupations until the blow falls. Even if places of assured safety were known (and they are not), advance evacuation of even a tenth of the population would be impossible, and would be stoutly resisted. The first attacks may cause 50 million casualties, and will be accompanied and followed by incredible panic. There will be, under such circumstances, no trans - portation, no shelter, and very shortly no food, tools, weapons or clothing. All supply depots will be destroyed, or looted, or sequestered by armed forces, and in any case will amount to nothing among 100 million refugees. For a long time, perhaps for years there will be no effective central governmnet, but a reign of banditry and violence. With the advent of new weapons even more destructive than the atobomb the population may be reduced by four-fifths or nine-tenths of its number, while great areas of the earth may be uninhabitable for many years.

It gives me no pleasure to set down this nightmare, nor does it please you to read it. But my object is not to please, or frighten, or to be sensational. These are simply the highly probable consequences of the kind of war which is now widely feared, and they are well-known to informed students everywhere. Do some of you really think it would be a public service not to say such things? They would have little effect if we placarded the whole United States with them - the inertia of the human mind being what it is. They have already been made, scores of times, by the most eminent persons. Also, there is nothing the average person can do about it, but only sit tight and wait for what happens next. I am writing here for people who

'take it'. This is the hour for the realist and not for the wishful thinker. If your nerves can't stand the facts of the world you live in I am sorry for you, but you and the world are not doing each other any good. Perhaps you will have time, if you start now, to make some kind of mental adjustment, and so face a forbidding future, along with a billion or so other humans, with some measure of dignity and self-control.

Great national and racial conflicts have something of the character of natural cataclysms about them; they are like earthquake and flood and the shifting of continents. What were the causes of, say, the first world war? Any textbook will name you ten or twelve. And the causes of the causes? Why did the Germans want to build the Berlin to Bagdad railway? Commercial reasons - greed, need, or fear or aggression or patriotism, as you prefer. Why greedy or needy? Well, there was England and her land-grabbing. Why the greed of England? Why,why,why this-'n-that? Simple souls imagine you can stick out one finger, put it right on the cause of a war, a riot, or a dog fight, say 'just fix this' or 'just stop that' and all will be well. They say 'pass this law' or 'try this policy', raise the tariff, lower the tariff, arm to the teeth, disarm to the toes - and all will go happily thereafter. Where two or three are gathered together, this half-wit chatter goes on. Who steals my purse steals trash, but whoso likes not my panacea for world ills is a qualified so-'n-so. Caught in the mesh of an enormous social and political organism, the average citizen can learn little, verify nothing, do nothing. He has to have some kind of government, so he elects or thinks he elects certain officials; thereafter they act and the citizenry gabbles. They often act stupidly or badly. Why? Because they are unevolved mentalities, smart perhaps but no wise, or good perhaps but stupid. They are elected because the electorate is like them, stupid and selfish. That brings it back, not to you and me, of course, but to our neighbors anyhow. Why are our neighbors such poor fish? Maybe they're born that way, or won't listen to us, or we don't try to teach them, or don't know any better ourselves. Take your choice, all you folk who are so cocksure and anxious about fixing responsibility for dog fights and Armageddons.

The distinction between the 'I-people' and the 'we-people', however, is a very useful one. The I-people are the greedy ones, the fat-cats, the self-centered fellows who are very smart in their way but are ethical and spiritual morons. It is they, we think, who have gotten the world into this mess. They have wiped out civilization twice before, according to esoteric lore, and are now about to re - peat for the third and last time. The trouble with this distinction is, nearly everyone is part fat-cat, or potentially fat-cat, or a secret admirer and supporter of fat-cats. I mean, the very best of the we-people are not free from selfishness, and hundres of millions of them are 50-50 at best, are Grand Panjandrums by temperament and desire, and held down only by competition. They are, in short, brothers under the skin to the fat-cats who claw the throats of nations. The re - sponsibility comes back once again to - well, to our neighbors, anyhow.

The world is a smouldering coal, and winds from the abyss are fanning it. But what can you and I do about it, if anything at all? Imprimis, nothing is effective, of the sort which everybody is busy at. I mean, damning the government, the capitalists, the labor unions, the politicians and soi-disant statesmen, the communists, the Russians, the atomic scientists, the agitators, the democrats and republicans, the silly educational system, the iniquitous banking set-up, the aid-to-Europe program, the high cost of living and cost of high living, racial prejudice, religious and anti-religious prejudice, and any other pet phobia we cherish most tenderly. These fulminations are all right, of course; they're usually harmless, maybe democratic, preventive of apoplexy and completely futile as to the course of events. There is, however, that one small plot of ground each of us can cultivate with advantage - one's own mentality, knowledge, thinking ability, sanity and discretion, discrimination (a very large word in occult thinking), self-control,

and the spirit of service and helpfulness. But all this, which amounts to self-improvement and self-discipline, is a distasteful and appalling task for most of us. (But it's really the easiest way to become both loved and distinguished, because there's practically no competition).

If you make the obvious retort that this won't save the world from destruction by nuclear weapons, the reply is that it is the only method that will save any race or culture in the long run. The world problem is basically one of unevolved humanity; and evolution, as all occultists understand, is an individual matter. Races and nations can hardly be said to change and improve as such, but separate personalities can and do improve and learn and grow. And each evolving personality becomes a center of influence which affects other people, and the rings and ripples of these impacts go on everywhere and forever. Propaganda is a tainted word and I have no use for it; but your life, ideals and acts of service will carry on your influence - so that we need not corrupt ourselves with ideals of 'leadership.'

The Sword of Damocles hangs by a hair, and I think that it will fall. I think so, but it is human to hope that I am wrong. Whether it ought to fall or not, no man can say; or at least he is a bold man who goes about putting his ought's and should's into the ways of the Cosmic Spirit. Perhaps a few, perhaps some millions of us will survive, perhaps something of our knowledge and culture also (let us hope, not too much of the latter). Meanwhile, unless we retreat soon to our cave-man burrows, there is not much to be done in any objective way, beyond what has been mentioned in the two paragraphs above. In this, the ideal of service, to my mind, takes precedence over everything else. Comfort your fellow, for he will surely need comfort, and if possible be no burden on any man. And very soon (come Armageddon or no) we shall all be much happier than we are now: in the Great-Day-Meet-with-Us we shall give each other salutation.

M.L.

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"My Trip to Mt. Shasta" Major H.A.G., and H.B. Williams ---

Mr. H.B. Williams, who sent us the ms. of this Mt. Shasta article (RR III-8), gives us an additional note on the authorship. "So far as I know, this material was never in print. It was given to a class under his instruction ... he belonged to no particular School and charged nothing for his work.

"According to the Major there is a center in the Smoky Mountains in the south. It is a sort of preliminary testing place. The Shasta account is something one can either take or leave alone. I have given enough notes at the beginning and end of the article so that informed readers should be able to recognize the Major. He was a high officer in a California organization of a still-existing occult society. His account was given to us in written form, as typed copies... It is my personal belief that there is something at Shasta, but that the individual sees what 'they' want him to see ... part of the Major's experience may have been psychical and part on the physical plane..."*

(* With regard to this last point, the Initiate FGH has told the RR Editor, that the 'entrances' to the Shasta Lodge or Center are on the astral and that those formerly existing on the physical level have been sealed; it is my impression that Fr. FGH would agree with the last sentence in the paragraph by Mr. Williams, above. It is also stated, on the authority of one of the 14 witnesses present, thatMMajor H.A.G. possessed a degree of occult power, and was able to materialize a half-opened white rose "covered with dew and with a hollow stem.". So far as our information goes, the character and record of HAG seem to be above reproach, and this of course has important bearing on the genuineness of the experience related in the Trip to Mt. Shasta article.

(Inquiries addressed to Mr. H.B.Williams, or to any authors of RR articles, will be forwarded to them promptly if sent in care of this publication).

Psychic Experiences of Famous People: Sylvan Muldoon.

The book contains, in 200 pages, the supernormal experiences of some sixty famous persons from all walks of life. The stories are brief, the longest running to about ten pages, and told in concise dramatic style, calculated to disturb not only the dogmatic slumber of the sceptic but his dreams-by-night as well. From the standpoint of Round Robin, the introduction by Vincent Gaddis is actually of more importance than the book itself. "It has been fashionable for the uninformed", writes Mr. Gaddis, "to smile at psychical phenomena. Few laymen realize that the intelligentsia of the world accept it."

He then proceeds to enumerate the names of 33 American scientists who have made serious and prolonged investigations in this field, 47 from Great Britain, 25 from France, and 37 other eminent Europeans - and this list is by no means exhaustive, but illustrative only of the world-wide interest among men of the highest attainments. "It is not generally known that there are hundreds of class publica - tions throughout the world devoted to psychic subjects, and appearing in some 30 countries" (in addition to an immense number of books). "To list the famous who have had psychic experiences is to name half the great figures of history"... "G.K. Chesterton declared that tomorrow's religion 'will be a combination of Catholicism, Christian Science, and Spiritualism.' " Padre Secchi, a distinguished Italian priest, declared "that communication with the so-called dead will be the great event of the present century." The Introduction lists also the names of famous theologians who have had direct contact with the Unseen, quotes Dr. Richard Bucke's list of great men who have experienced cosmic consciousness, gives a lengthy enumeration of distinguished writers, present and past, who have had vivid personal experiences, and adds the names of many statesmen, artists and entertainers.

"Steinmetz wrote, 'the greatest discovery of the next fifty years will be along spiritual lines ... the world will then see more advancement in one generation than it has in the past four.' There is abundant evidence that this day is dawning... all roads in all realms of science are leading to the border of the supernormal... even in late mathematical concepts of physics and the problems of space-time. Max Planck has written that physics is confronted with miracle and magic for which there is a definite basis ... And William E. Gladstone, four times Prime Minister of Great Britain, declared 'Psychical research is the most important work which is being done in the world - by far the most important.' "

Thus Round Robin friend Vincent Gaddis (our contributing Editor) in the narrow limits of eleven pages, argues a case backed by a library-full of books. I do not mean, of course, that he argues for any particular cult or creed or interpretation, nor does he mean for a moment thatevery distinguished investigator of things psychic has turned spiritist or spiritualist. The situation is (and I think Mr. Gaddis will agree), (1) that the question of the factuality or actuality of 'psychic phenomena' no longer exists. It is not worth while to argue it. Whoever denies it, needs 'not an answer but an education' (2) The drift of critical investigation is toward the spiritistic interpretation - i.e., toward survival of the personality and communication with the departed. This interpretation serves as to a great number of phenomena, and the whole of sceptical thinking put together does not offer a reasonable alternative. The burden of proof no longer lies with the spiritists, but on their opponents. (3) The importance of these facts is enormous; philosophy, science, and all the sanctions of ethics and conduct are bound up with them. If our culture survives the threatened debacle, this knowledge will rebuild the world for us. Gladstone, quoted above, spoke cold truth, and those who admit this are already numbered intog the millions.

Sylvan Muldoon has done a good and useful work in this book, and Vincent Gaddis has given it thrust and power. It should be purchased, read, and given to your friends. Aries Press has it (Chicago) - @ $2.10.

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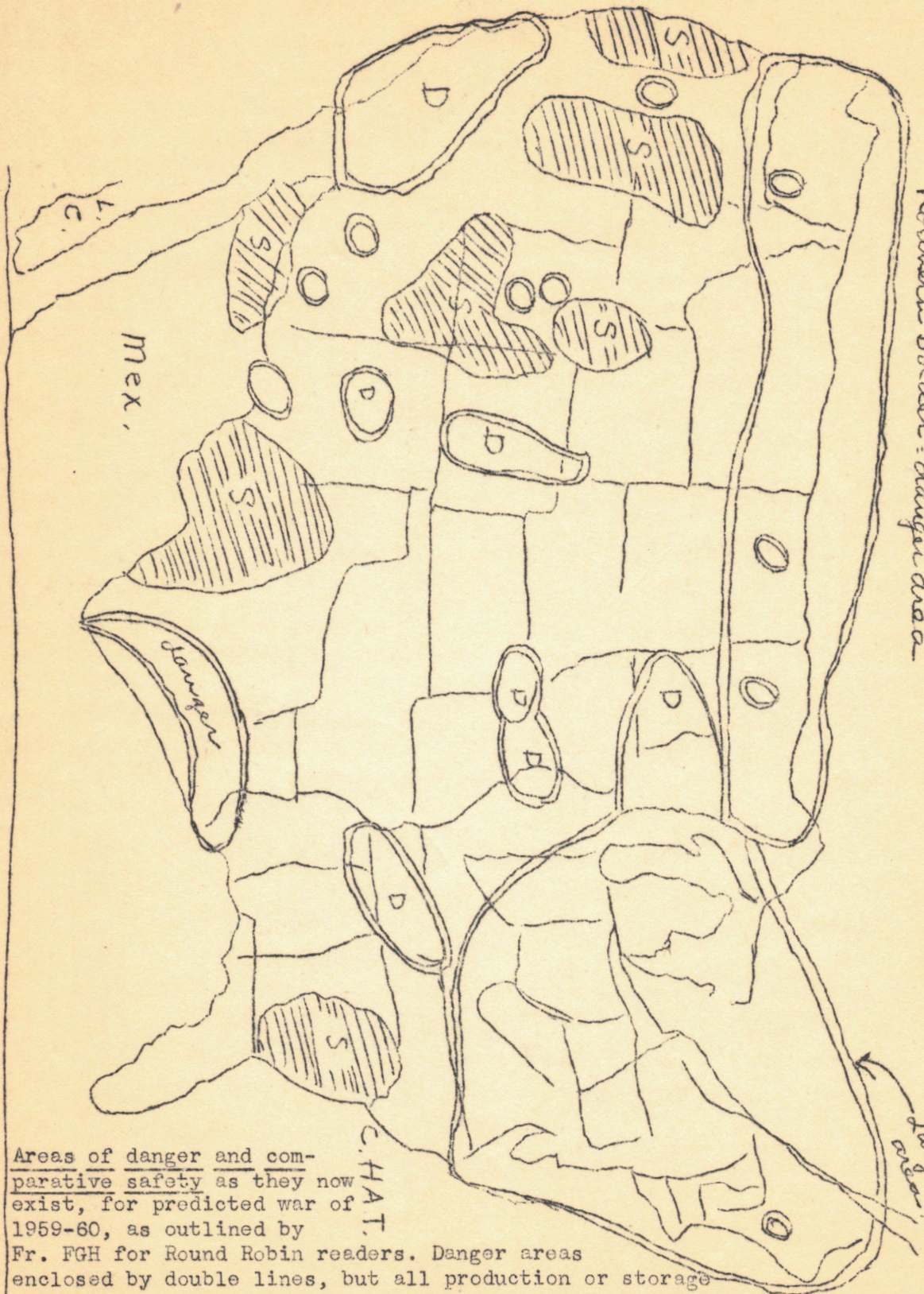

Areas of danger and comparative safety as they now exist, for predicted war of 1959-60, as outlined by Fr. FGH for Round Robin readers. Danger areas enclosed by double lines, but all production or storage centers, military, air and naval depots, dams, power houses, air fields, and all large centers of population, trunk lines of railraods, canals, vital industries and their adjuncts are logical objects of early attack and constitute zones of danger. The area from Cape Hatteras south is at present the safest in the U.S.

Periodicals:

CHIMES: Published monthly by Bert L. Welch; Box 157, Brea, Calif. Illustrations, book service. $1.00 yr.

NEW AGE INTERPRETER: Box 6133 Metropolitan Station, Los Angeles. Year $1.50

The THEOSOPHICAL FORUM: Covina, Calif. $3.00 yr. Single .35

OPEN SESAME: 3006 Lake Park Ave.,Chicago 16. Bi-mo. Yr $2.00. Single .40

Bulletin of Assoc. for Research & Enlightenment. Virginai Beach, Va. With Association membership, "2.50 yr.

KOSMON PIONEER BULLETIN: Essense of Kosmon, No. Salt Lake, Utah. Mo. $1.00 yr.

ROSICRUCIAN MAGAZINE: Oceanside, Calif. Year $2.50. Single .25

ERGOT: A mystical book magazine for students of mystical truths interested in spiritual and intellectual development. R. Holmes Tinker, Box 83, Stockbridge, Mass. Yr. $2.00.

OCCULT BOOKS: An ever-increasing demand for books on occult subjects, psychic science, spiritualism etc.,requires specialization. We have a large stock of occult items. Send us your occult wants. Catalogues issued. Occult Sciences Library Service, 15 North Maryland Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

WANTED: Names and address of 10,000 people interested in psychic and occult magazines and books. Send six or more names of people who you know are interested and get a copy of Psychic News for your trouble. Your name will not be mentioned. BOBBITT AGENCY, 1609-10th Ave. No. Dept. 30. Nashville 3, Tenn.

Sacred Symbols of the Ancients, $3.00; Your Numbers, $1.00. TORA Inc. Box 1927 Hollywood Sta.,Hollywood 28, Calif.

WANTED: To locate the books of Charles W1. Littlefield, of Seattle, Wash., who experimented on the formation of crystals and the effect of mental energy on the process.

The following persons will welcome correspondence with reference to conditions predicted for the years 1959-60:

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